

In the Claims:

1. (original) A liquid thickened chlorine bleach composition comprising:
 - an active chlorine source;
 - at least one surfactant selected from anionic surfactants, amine oxides, and mixtures thereof;
 - at least one thickener selected from polycarboxylates, polyacrylamides, clays, gums, cellulose derivatives, and mixtures thereof;
 - at least one abrasive material selected from oxides, carbonates, quartzes, siliceous chalk, diatomaceous earth, colloidal silicon dioxide, alkali metasilicates, organic abrasive materials selected from polyolefins, polyethylenes, polypropylenes, polyesters, polystyrenes, acetonitrile-butadiene-styrene resins, melamines, polycarbonates, phenolic resins, epoxies and polyurethanes, natural materials selected from rice hulls, corn cobs, and the like, nepheline syenite, or talc and mixtures thereof;
 - water; and
 - optionally, one or more materials selected from perfumes and perfume stabilizers, builders, rheology stabilizers; pH and buffering agents, electrolytes, pigments, colorants and the like.
2. (original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the surfactant is an amine oxide.
3. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 2~~ wherein the surfactant is a mixture of anionic surfactant and amine oxide.
4. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ wherein the anionic surfactant is selected from alkyl sulfates and alkyl ether sulfates.
5. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ wherein the anionic surfactant is selected from alkyl ether sulfates.
6. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ wherein the thickener is a mixture of polycarboxylates and clays.

7. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ wherein the thickener is a mixture of polycarboxylates and polyacrylamides.
8. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ wherein the thickener is a polycarboxylates.
9. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ which contains a rheology modifier.
10. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ wherein the pH of the composition is 12 or greater.
11. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ wherein the active chlorine source is a hypochlorite bleach, and the surfactant does not comprise unsaturations.
12. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ wherein the active chlorine source is a hypochlorite bleach, and the surfactant does not comprise aldehydic, methyl keto or hydroxyl groups susceptible to oxidation by the hypochlorite.
- 13.(canceled)